

WMU Annual Meeting

Chrysler Hall

Scope Convention Center

June 13-14, 1976
Norfolk, Virginia

Theme: Stand Up And Bless The Lord

Sunday Afternoon and Evening, June 13

3:00 p.m. (Session repeated at 7:00 p.m.)

Hymn: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Prayer—

Bicentennial Drama, by Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham; directed by Ed Seabough, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, assisted by Sherry Fairchild, associated Baptist Student Union director, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond

Hymn

Address: "Where Christians Stand Together"—C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary, Baptist World Alliance, London, England.

Special Music: "Testament of Freedom"—Virginia Baptist Male Chorale,

directed by Allen R. Brown

Dramatic Meditation: "The Living Flame"—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond

Monday Morning, June 14

9:30 a.m.

Hymn: "Glorious Is Thy Name"

Prayer

Recollections on the Theme—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., former president of Woman's Missionary Union (1956-63, 1969-75)

Dialogue: "The Christian Life in the Missionary Family"—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burnes, missionaries in Greece

Hymn

Address: "Standing in Troubled Places"—Norman Lytle, missionary in Israel

Solo: Mrs. Camilla Woodward, Fourth Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va.

President's Address—Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, WMU national president, Danville, Va.

Closing Meditation—Liberty Bell Ringers, Liberty Baptist Church, Hampton, Va., directed by John Perry, minister of music

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Board Appoints 20, Hears Financial Report

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 missionaries, including two Mississippians, and appropriated \$113,700 for world relief during its May meeting here.

The board also heard a report from its executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, who spoke of an encouraging financial outlook and "bold, new plans" for the future which will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Norfolk in June.

Cauthen expressed gratitude for a 16.45 percent gain in receipts through SBC national Cooperative Program unified budget during the first six months of the convention's fiscal year.

He also noted that the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions totaled \$26,109,421 — more than \$2 million over the goal set by Woman's Missionary Union, which promotes

the annual offering in Southern Baptist churches.

Of the \$113,700 appropriated for relief, \$75,000 will go to Bangladesh to rehabilitate families and for food distribution and "food for work" programs. An agricultural project at Kasane, Botswana.

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Beach Hotels Begin SBC Room Cancellations

NORFOLK (BP) — Some hotels in Virginia Beach have already begun cancelling reservations on rooms of people attending the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 13-17, if a one deposit was not received in the allotted time (by April 15).

"The cancelled rooms may not

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Sunflower Pastor, Wife Appointed For Guatemala

RICHMOND — Rev. and Mrs. Michael (Mike) C. Murphy were among 20 missionaries appointed



Rev. and Mrs. Murphy

May 11 during a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board here. They will be assigned to Guatemala,

where they will be engaged in general evangelism.

They are currently living in Sunflower, Miss., where he is pastor of Sunflower Baptist Church.

Born in Harlingen, Tex., Murphy moved several times with his Air Force family. He lived in Valdosta and Marietta, Ga.; Greenville, S. C.; Selma, Ala.; Waco, Tex.; Hamburg, Iowa; Taiwan; and the Philippines while growing up.

He was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, with the bachelor of arts degree, and New Orleans Seminary with the master of theology degree. He also attended Southern Technological Institute, Marietta, Ga., and University of Georgia, Marietta. He was employed as a salesman for Sears, Roebuck and Co., while a seminary student.

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Program Personalities Listed For 1976 State Convention

The program for the 141st session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is now being finalized by the Convention on Order of Business, according to Rev. Benton Preston, chairman of the Committee. The 1976 convention, to be held on Nov. 16-18 at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, will use as its theme, "A Triumphant Church for a Troubled World."

"Many out of state personali-

ties will participate in this year's event. Outstanding preachers who will be our guests include Dr. John Claypool, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Ralph Smith, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, and immediate past President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Dr. Edwin Young, a native Mississippian who is pastor

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New Retirement Plan Heard

Board Elects New Editor, Awards Gulfshore Contract

A new editor was elected for The Baptist Record and a contract was awarded for the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly at Pass Christian last week during a called meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Financing plans were approved for both Gulfshore and the first phase of Central Hills.

Donald T. McGregor, associate editor for the past 20 months, was named editor-elect of The Baptist

Record to succeed the present editor, Dr. Joe T. Odle, who will retire on Aug. 31 (Separate story, Page 1).

The selection of the new editor came as the result of recommendations by the board's personnel committee and its executive committee.

Board members also heard and passed on for convention action a new program for the annuity board affecting future members

and some younger one already members, if they so elect.

Arrangements were made for moving on a "full speed ahead" basis for construction at both Gulfshore Assembly and Central Hills Baptist Retreat during the called session. On the recommendation of the Gulfshore Restoration Committee the board awarded the contract for the restoration to Roy Anderson Jr. Inc. of Gulfport. Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor

of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is chairman of the committee and made the report.

All but one of the buildings at the assembly were destroyed during Hurricane Camille in 1969. The building left standing was severely damaged.

The Anderson company bid for new construction at the site was for \$2,971,123. The renovation of the remaining building on the grounds and the swimming pool was set at \$350,000. The total bid for construction amounted to \$3,321,123. This included fixed equipment such as in the kitchen, the air conditioning, etc.

Other expenses to be met or already met in part include moveable equipment such as beds, etc. \$145,000; professional fees such as illustration costs, \$25,000; and construction costs, \$25,000; and construction reserve, \$49,110. The complete total would be \$3,750,000.

Dr. Wester pointed out that this figure is below the projection of July 1972, when the estimation for the restoration was \$2,945,000; and it was estimated that inflation would cause an increase of \$300,000 per year. This would have resulted in a cost of more than \$4 million at this time, Dr. Wester said.

He declared, however, that the lower cost would not cause any

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McGregor Elected Editor; Odle To Retire In August

Donald T. McGregor, associate editor of the Baptist Record for the past 20 months, last week was elected by the State Convention Board as editor of the Baptist Record effective September 1, 1976.

He will succeed Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Record for the past 17 years, who has announced his plans for retirement at the end of August. The Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board's policy, requires that employees retire at the end of the month in which they reach the mandatory retirement age.

The editor-elect came to the Baptist Record in September, 1974, from being editor of three small weekly newspapers in the Dallas, Texas area, for a year. Before that he was editor of The California Southern Baptist, the news publication of the Baptist

General Convention of California, for two years. He had been associate editor of The Baptist Standard, the Texas Baptist weekly, for 12 years before going to California.

Dr. Odle has been an employee of the Convention Board for 20 years, having become associate executive secretary in 1956. He came to that position from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, where he had served for nine and one half years. In 1950 he was elected editor of the Baptist Record, succeeding Dr. W. C. Fields, who had gone to Nashville as Director of Public Relations for the SBC Executive Committee.

McGregor is a graduate of Baylor University. He worked as

the Midland, Texas, Reporter-Telegram and real estate editor of the Dallas Times Herald. He was on the staff of the Baptist Standard for four years before becoming associate editor and spent two years in public relations for an insurance company in Dallas.

He was secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Press Association for four years. He engaged in graduate study at Baylor and attended Southwestern Seminary. For about 15 years in Texas he served as a part-time staff member in small churches and in 1957 was ordained to the ministry by Grove Haven Baptist Church in Dallas. He was ordained a deacon by Bellview Baptist Church in Midland in 1950. His father is Rev. M. T. McGregor, a Baptist preacher who retired in 1970 after 22 years as association missionary in Hope Association in Arkansas. Before that he had been pastor of several churches in Texas and an Army chaplain. The father and mother continue to live in Texarkana, Arkansas.

McGregor is married to the former Carlene Barnhill of Kingsville, Texas, and the couple has three children. Two live in the Jackson area. Alice works for Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and Wayne works for Wendy's of Jackson, Inc. Bob is in the

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Missionary Seriously Injured In Accident

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary Hal B. Boone remains hospitalized here after receiving serious injuries in a car accident near Voi, Kenya, on May 3.

A son, Dan, was also in the car, but was not seriously injured.

Boone, a physician, is under the care of Kenyan physicians for a crushed thoracic vertebra and some spinal damage. He is paralyzed from the waist down.

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Don McGregor

Ralph Atkinson Named Vice President At MC

CLINTON — The appointment of Dr. Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Mississippi College has been announced by College President Lewis Nobles at the close of the trustees' spring meeting.

Atkinson, 41, has served since 1973 as Dean of the School of Religious Education and Professor of Religious Education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

In the new position, he will be responsible for long-range planning and financial development

activities of the college. He will coordinate also the public relations, alumni services, and related activities of the institution.

The new vice-president has served as academic dean at Ottawa University in Kansas and Dallas Baptist College in Dallas, Texas. He also served as Administrative Assistant to the President of Mississippi College 1960-1962.

A native of Yazoo City, Atkinson received the Ph.D. degree in education from The University of Michigan. He also holds the mas-

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Ninth Editor In Record's 99 Years

By Anne Washburn McWilliams.
There was a gap in his schedule, and the young Baylor student could find nothing to fill it but a course in news writing. His decision to take that course began a chain of events that last week ended in his being elected ninth editor of your Baptist Record. He will take office in September as the 99-year-old paper nears its 100th birthday.

Don McGregor, who was chosen associate editor of the Record twenty months ago, will succeed Dr. Joe T. Odle as editor when he retires at the end of August. Dr. Odle has given seventeen years of distinguished leadership as the circulation has grown from 91,000 to 119,500.

Concerning the election by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Mr. McGregor said, "As a Christian, the most important thing that has ever happened to me was my conversion experience, but next to that, I would say this is the finest thing that has happened."

He became a Christian when

he was twelve and joined Coryell Baptist Church, an open country church near Waco, Texas while visiting an uncle during a revival meeting.

Donald T. McGregor was born near Waco, March 20, 1924, the son and grandson of Baptists. Four years later his father's untimely death moved him to the ministry and the family moved to Waco so the father could attend Baylor University. After the elder McGregor's graduation in 1933, he moved his family near San Angelo and served in the area as pastor until 1942, when he joined the army as a chaplain.

In 1941, Don graduated from high school at Mertzon, Texas, where he had played football and basketball and run track. He entered Baylor, but December brought Pearl Harbor, and World War II. Before 1942 was gone, he had volunteered for the U. S. Army.

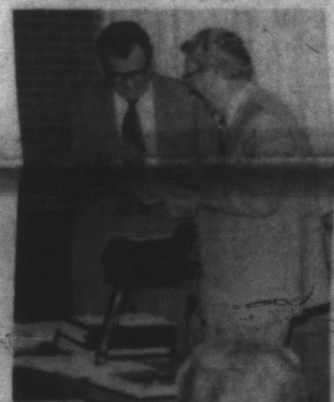
The Army sent him to Kingsville, Texas, for special study at Texas A & I. At First Baptist Church, Kingsville, he met, and

married, Carlene Barnhill.

His 21st birthday he celebrated (if you could call it celebrating) as a prisoner of war in Swedenland, Czechoslovakia. He was captured in December, 1944, while on combat duty in France as a machine gunner in the infantry, and was held for six months, until May, 1945.

When he returned to register at Baylor, he found he could not work the needed number of hours into his schedule of classes unless he took news writing as an elective. This suited him all right, since he had always been fascinated by newspapers. He enjoyed that course so much that he decided he would become a radio news writer, and changed his major to radio. After graduation from Baylor, he stayed another year at the University to take additional courses in English and journalism.

Since a job as radio news writer was not readily available, he moved to Midland, Texas, to become reporter and assistant wire editor for the Midland Reporter-



Changing Leaders

Gene Triggs, left, is the new president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He was formerly vice president. Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, hands over the gavel as he relinquishes the office to Triggs.

Kaleidoscope Registration Tops Expectations

VIRGINIA BEACH (BP) — More than 825 Baptist Young Women had registered as of May 12 for Kaleidoscope '76, the first national meeting for Southern Baptist young women, 18-29, held by Woman's Missionary Union

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Telegram, and his newspaper career had begun.

Later he became continuity director for the Radio Station KCBS in Midland.

First Baptist Church of Midland was sponsoring a mission, and Don and Carlene McGregor became charter members of the church that sprang from the mission. In 1950, the church ordained him as a deacon. When he heard that the church needed a song leader, he told them he'd like to give it a try. He had a deep interest in music, had sung in church choirs, and had played the trombone in the band at Baylor. Through his experience as song leader in Midland, he realized a call to special service. During a revival led by evangelist J. C. Pennington of Oklahoma and singer Carlos Gruber of Texas, he made a definite decision, and soon afterward moved to Fort Worth to study at Southwestern Seminary for what he supposed would be the ministry of music and education.

He recalls a night in the spr-

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lack of quality and that the committee will continue to be alert as construction and restoration proceeds so that the completed facility "will be one of which Mississippi Baptists can be proud."

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary treasurer of the Convention Board, outlined a plan of financing construction at both Gulfshore and Central Hills that was adopted

ed by the board. He pointed out that of the total of \$3,750,000, some \$152,940 in professional fees has already been paid. This leaves a total need at Gulfshore of \$3,597,160. As of April 30 the funds on hand for Gulfshore restoration amounted to \$2,246,886. Other sources of income were detailed. He said at least \$222,000 is expected to come in as pledges are paid. He indicated that additional

pledges could be expected now that construction is due to get under way. An additional item is \$82,000 in interest that will accrue on the restoration funds. There will be additional interest earned, but at a slower rate as funds are expended in the restoration. This year's budget has placed \$50,000 in the restoration fund with another \$150,000 to come through the remainder of the year. If the budget figure remains the same for next year, an additional \$200,000 will be forthcoming. These items would total \$2,900,386 and would leave only \$696,774 to be financed for Gulfshore.

About the same figure will be needed to complete the first phase of construction at Central Hills. The Convention Board voted to authorize a loan of up to \$1.5 million to finance the completion of both of these projects.

This could be accomplished, Dr. Kelly pointed out, without changing the existing capital needs provision of the 1976 budget for the Baptist Building and Gulfshore, and the convention could be debt-free of the \$1.5 million note in 10 years as well as the remaining debt on the Baptist Building. There would be no debt encumbrance against Central Hills.

Construction at Gulfshore is expected to take about 18 months. The completed facility is expected to have sleeping accommodations for about 350 persons. Food service would be available for a considerably larger number. The projection calls for a motel-type building with classrooms and auditorium facilities.

The construction will conform to the hurricane-proof code in the area. It will be built on pilings which will place it above the high tide level. It is to be constructed of steel-reinforced concrete.

Dr. Kelly said, "When Gulfshore Baptist Assembly was destroyed by a once in a million hurricane, the outgoing tide wave swept away one of Mississippi Baptist's greatest assets. The awful physical destruction could be viewed by all and even calculated in terms of loss; however, there were intangible losses which could not be seen immediately or calculated in terms of

cost. Only God can properly evaluate the losses. How do you place value on souls saved, young people called into full time Christian service, acquisition of skills, Christian friendship and fellowship, and the warm spiritual inner glow which a week at Gulfshore imparted?"

The committee working on plans for the first phase and the master plan of construction at Central Hills is continuing to develop plans. The chairman of this committee is Dr. W. Leon Moore, director of associational missions in Attala Baptist Association. A state-wide work day was held at the Central Hills site Saturday to help get the area ready for construction.

The new retirement plan being proposed by the Annuity Board for church staff members would take effect Jan. 1, 1978, if it is approved by all conventions. W. R. Roberts, the Annuity Board representative for Mississippi, indicated that the Annuity Board plans to close the present Southern Baptist Protection Plan as of Jan. 1, 1978, but that members now in it could elect to remain in it or transfer to the new plan. In the new plan the church will be urged to contribute an amount equal to 10 per cent of the career ministerial personnel's compensation for retirement purposes.

The state convention will contribute to this program \$200 annually for the member, or at least 50 per cent of the church contribution if the latter is less than \$400; and this will provide survivor and disability benefits.

Roberts said the new plan will not be operated on a formula as has been the case but will be purchased annuity and vested from the beginning.

Dr. Kelly called attention to the state missions offering scheduled for the fall and called on pastors to push the offering "because of the phenomenal opportunity that is to be found in Mississippi."

As the meeting closed, the board president, Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, presented the gavel to Gene Triggs of Yazoo City, who had been vice president. Dr. Kitchings has been elected associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and secretary-elect of the foundation.

Missions Director Finds Study Leave Interesting

By Dr. Foy Rogers

Wow! What an opportunity! What a privilege to take a four-month study leave at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary!

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, through a policy adopted last year, provides for field personnel to take a four-month study leave after seven years service.

Numerous church and associational staff members have expressed to me a desire to take such a leave. All six of our seminaries make provisions for career ministers to engage in such study—from a month to a year in length. I wonder who in the church

or association will be listening when God says: "Your staff member has served well. Why not provide him an opportunity to refresh his mind and renew his spirit?"

The opportunities I have had to associate with the professors, to talk with students, to participate in three seminars and six classes, have enriched my life.

The broad spectrum of studies, such as communication, public relations, missions, New Testament, writing, renewal, counseling, church administration, religious education, and rural church sociology, listening to the eager-to-learn as well as the learned, have stretched my mind and enlarged my spirit.

One of the most enlightening facets of my time on campus has been my daily conversations with the faculty and staff in their coffee lounge. I have learned that these distinguished teachers are just warm, country folks who love the Lord.

Please let me thank Mississippi Baptists for the leave, Southern Baptists for providing this wonderful institution through Cooperative Program support, and the faculty and staff of Southern Seminary for the inspiration and help so freely given me.

When I walk across the campus and see the host of committed young people in training—2,200 of them from 44 states!—or sit in a seminar with nine furloughing foreign missionaries and two others coming up for appointment, I rejoice.

When I remember that one of my professors is a Baptist born in Europe, two others have served as missionaries in the Orient and in South America, and all of their teaching colleagues are working tirelessly to prepare young people to minister in churches, missions and ministries far and near, I am made to rejoice.

When I consider that on the same hall with us lived families from Canada, Nigeria, Romania and Hawaii, and when I sat in a seminar with missionaries from Israel, Korea, Brazil, Nigeria, England and the Philippines I realized how important the seminary is to Southern Baptists' foreign missions effort.

With a 24 per cent increase in seminary student this year, certainly we should rejoice that God is calling, that young people are responding, and that Southern Baptists are meeting the challenge to train leaders for the churches in carrying out the Great Commission.

Dr. Foy Rogers is director of cooperative missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Retired 'Home Life' Editor Dies At 69

NASHVILLE (BP)—Joe W. Burton, 69, retired editor of Home Life magazine, died here May 6 of a heart attack.



Burton, who was the first and only editor of that Christian family magazine for more than 25 years, retired from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Sept., 1972 after 26½ years

service. For the first eight months of his retirement, Burton served as interim pastor of an English-speaking church in Munich, Germany. In recent months, Burton had served as chaplain at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Before assuming his position with the board in 1946, Burton served 10 years as secretary of education for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also was editor of Southern Baptist Home Missions, its monthly periodical. He held pastorates in Texas, Georgia, and Tennessee and was secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1947-1955.

A native Texan, Burton received his B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., which later conferred on him the D. D. degree. He held the Th. M. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and did special study at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism in Columbia; School of Pastoral Care, Winston-Salem, N. C.; American Institute of Family Relations, Los Angeles; and the Institute of Advanced Pastoral Studies, Detroit.

BULLETIN

Leroy Smith Dies In Arizona

Word came to the Baptist Record office on Monday morning, May 17, informing us of the death on Sunday night of Rev. Leroy Smith director of city missions in Phoenix, Arizona. Evidently he had suffered a stroke about 2 weeks earlier.

Smith was well known to many Missisippians, because of revival meetings he had held in the state, and because of his work as Superintendent of Missions for the western part of Montana a few years ago. The Baptist Record helped raise funds for a trailer for use in his ministry in an area of that state that was approximately as large as the entire state of Mississippi. He had been in Arizona for the past several years.

"Sermonic Skill" Conference At William Carey

A one-day conference for pastors, SHARPENING SERMONIC SKILLS, will be sponsored by William Carey College on June 3, 1976, according to an announcement by Chaplain Jerry Oswalt. Leaders for the concentrated day-long event will include Dr. James Keith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel; Dr. Jerry Windsor, pastor of Seminary Baptist Church, Seminary; and Dr. Jerry Oswalt, chaplain and religion professor at Carey.

A charge of \$7.00 will cover all conference fees plus the noon meal. The first thirty enrollees will also receive a free gift of the

1st, Okolona Celebrates Old-Fashioned Sunday

"Because God has blessed America and First Baptist Church, Okolona, the members of the church set aside Sunday, May 2, as a day of thanksgiving, celebrating, and remembering," reports the pastor, Rev. Roy McHenry.

The day was called "Old-fashioned Sunday," and many dressed in clothing like that of their forefathers.

It was also High Attendance Day in the Sunday School with a goal of 425. This goal was surpassed as a new record was set in Sunday School attendance with 428 present. The morning worship service gave emphasis to the Bicentennial.

Following the morning service everyone enjoyed dinner-on-the-ground.

A 11:30 p.m. church history was portrayed in a pageant directed by Mrs. George Carter. This pageant was based upon a written history of the church by Mrs. Blanche Chandler. Special attractions used during the pageant included the remounting and ringing of the old church bell, the use of the old pump organ, which was repaired for the occasion, and a drawing of the former church building.

The day ended with a gospel singing led by The Christianaers.

Ralph Atkinson

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ter of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College. He is married to the former Joan Jacobs of Yazoo City. They have two sons, Ralph and Ben. Atkinson will assume his new duties August 1.

book entitled The Contemporary Preacher and His Task.

Registrations should be made through the Office of the Chaplain, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., by mail or by phone (382-6061).



Gulfshore Bids Opened

Doyle Waymon, right, of Houston, Texas, holds a contractor's bid for the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly as the bids were opened at the Baptist Building. At left is Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and chairman of the restore Gulfshore committee. In the center is Chet Allred of Pascagoula. Waymon represents the architectural firm of Caudell, Rowlett, and Scott. Allred is a representative of Slaughter, Smith, and Allred of Pascagoula. The contract was awarded to Roy Anderson Jr., Inc. of Gulfport.

McGregor Elected Editor; Odle To Retire In August

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Army at Fort Carson, Colo. There are two grandchildren.

Dr. Odle began his Mississippi pastoral experiences in 1949 when he became the pastor of First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs. He held that pastorate until 1947, when he went to Gulfport.

Previous pastorates had been in Illinois, Tennessee, and Kentucky. He is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree by Mississippi College in 1949.

He was vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1953, a member of the SBC Annuity Board from 1948 through 1956, and of the SBC Committee on Public Affairs from 1963 to 1969. He was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association in 1971.

Dr. Odle has toured the Holy Land four times, as well as Europe, Central and South America and the Orient. He has participated in preaching missions in the Bahamas, Alaska, Italy and the Philippines. He is listed in Who's Who in America.

Board Appoints 20, Hears Financial Report

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wana, will receive \$22,000; \$10,000 will go for earthquake relief efforts in Italy; and \$8,700 will purchase a truck for hauling grain and other relief supplies in Kenya.

The board also endorsed plans for a 550-mile "Run for Health, Love and Life," Sept. 3-Oct. 11, 1976, from Georgia to Virginia, by Orvil W. Reid, emeritus missionary to Mexico. Reid, 56, will jog from Home Mission Board headquarters in Atlanta to Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond. Earlier, the Home Mission Board's directors also endorsed the jog.

Richard M. Styles, the board's

public relations consultant, reported special plans to accommodate the expected large numbers of visitors to board headquarters this year. A tour of the building, including special displays, audio-visual presentations and opportunities to meet furloughing missionaries, will be featured.

The increase in visitors is expected because of the large numbers of Baptists who will be traveling to Virginia for the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk and during the bicentennial emphasis. The theme for the tour program is "FMB '76: A Bicentennial Look at Foreign Missions, Past, Present, and Future."

Ten couples were appointed to serve in 10 countries. Included were Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Mike) C. Murphy to Guatemala. He is pastor of Sunflower Church at Sunflower.

John N. Strange Jr., a student at the University of Mississippi was awarded a medical receptionship program, sponsored by the board, offers short-term overseas experience for qualified medical students.

Room Cancellations

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be retrievable," a Norfolk Convention Bureau spokesman said, who added that the cancellations were not on a large scale as of May 7. Only about 25 reservations had been cancelled by May 7. The convention bureau asked the hotels to be sure to notify those whose rooms were cancelled.

"Hotels in Norfolk, however, will hold rooms until 6 p.m. of the evening of arrival, although an advance deposit would be appreciated," the spokesman said.

As of May 7, some 5,745 rooms have been booked for the SBC meeting, with 221 rooms—mostly in the higher price range still available.

If the rooms are exhausted, the convention bureau will try to get local hotels to commit more, the spokesman added.

Camp For Deaf Youths Scheduled July 12-16

A camp for deaf young people in Mississippi will be conducted July 12 to 16 at Leroy Percy State Park near Hollandale, according to Rev. Rodney Webb, language missions consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Though it is a Baptist meeting, any deaf or hard-of-hearing boy or girl who is 12 to 20 years of age, regardless of church affiliation, may attend, Rev. Webb said.

Missionary Injured

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Three missionary doctors are consulting on the case. Treatment, but no surgery, is being recommended at this time.

Boone, who has worked with mobile clinics in Kenya, was expected to transfer to Ghana soon. He was currently working in evangelism.

The son of a Baptist minister, he was born in Elm Mott, Tex., and grew up in several Texas towns. He and his wife, the former Patricia Held of Owensboro, Ky., have six children five of whom are grown. One daughter, Cathy (Mrs. Dan) Schellenberg is a missionary in Kenya.

Sunflower Pastor

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The former Jeanie Moore, Mrs. Murphy was born in Fort Worth, Tex. She grew up in several Virginia towns including Atlantic, Temperanceville, and Norfolk. She was graduated from Averett College, Danville, Va., with the associate of arts degree; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, with the bachelor of science degree; and New Orleans seminary with the master of religious education degree. She is also a registered nurse.

They have two daughters, Julie Ann was born in 1972; and Lori Jean, 1975.

Those who attend will participate in baseball, volleyball, ping pong, relays, swimming, campfires, worship, nature hikes, Bible study, discussion groups, and crafts, he indicated. There will be movies also.

A camp nurse and a life guard will be on the faculty.

The total cost for food, lodging, insurance, and materials will be \$35. Camp scholarships are available for those requesting them, he said.

Those who are interested may contact Rev. Webb at Box 530, Jackson 39205 or call him at his office (354-3704) or at home (924-6329).

State Convention Personalities

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of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina, and Rev. Lewis Myers, former missionary to Vietnam," Rev. Preston said.

Denominational leaders who will be involved include Miss Carolyn Weatherford, director of the convention-wide W.M.U., and Dr. Glendon McCullough, director of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission.

Jamall Dadry will be leading the convention in special segments of worship in music.

A large number of Mississippi Baptists will also be contributing to this year's convention program. These individuals, along with other items of interest will be announced in the near future. "As the Order of Business Committee completes its plans for the '76 gathering, it challenges the Baptists of our state to begin now making preparation to attend what could be the most significant meeting in our convention's history," Rev. Preston declared.

Kaleidoscope Registration Tops Expectations

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(WMU), national Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary.

Registration is still open for the event, which will convene in the Virginia Beach Convention Center Friday evening, June 11, and run through Sunday morning, June 13, before merging with the WMU annual meeting, June 13-14, at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

Jane Hix, national BYW consultant for WMU in Birmingham said that only a very limited amount of housing is still available for BYWs. However, those within driving distance who do not need hotel space are still welcome, she said.

All participants must register in advance and pay a \$5 fee. Registrants will be transported by bus from Virginia Beach to Norfolk for the WMU annual meeting. Hix estimated that 16 bus trips will be needed to move the BYWs to Norfolk.

Original plans for Kaleidoscope were based on a probable attendance of 500, Hix said.

Ninth Editor In Record's 99 Years

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ing of 1952 when as a seminary student he knelt in his apartment, to seek direction from God. He says, "My prayer was that if the Lord wanted me to stay at the seminary and pursue the course that I was following, I would surely do it. If there was something else, if He would point the way I would do the very best I could to go. I simply wanted to be sure of direction."

The next morning as he walked past the telephone on his way to class, it rang. It was Walker Knight, the associate editor of the Baptist Standard, asking Don to come over to Dallas to discuss the possibility of his going to work there. His prayer request for direction thus led him immediately into religious journalism and to the office of a state Baptist paper.

He was editorial assistant for the Baptist Standard for four years, associate editor of the same paper for 12 years, and editor of The California Southern Baptist for two years (1971-1973).

As a member of Southern Baptist Press Association, he was secretary for four years.

Other jobs he worked in along the way included a year with the Dallas Times-Herald, public relations duties for an insurance company, and a brief time in an artist's studio.

He says, "I greatly enjoyed the two years as California editor." However, both he and his wife have no brothers or sisters. Their

parents, in their seventies, were living in Texas and Arkansas, at least 1700 miles away, with no one to call on in case of emergency. They felt they needed to be nearer them. Mrs. McGregor's parents live in Corsicana. His parents live in Texarkana, where his father, M. T. McGregor, retired in 1970 after serving 22 years as associational missionary in Hope Association in Arkansas.

"The opportunity to buy a small weekly paper in Kemp near Dallas presented itself, and after an agonizing decision, we did. Opportunities seemed to continue to present themselves and we took over two more."

When he left the editorship of the California paper, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention presented him a Distinguished Service Award.

He admits that, as owner of his own newspaper, he missed the work and fellowship of the state Baptist paper tremendously. When he was invited in the summer of 1974 to accept the position as Baptist Record associate editor and public relations director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, he felt that the Lord's leadership was evident. When Joe Abrams retired as associate editor, he succeeded him.

He and his wife moved to 202 Turtle Creek, at the reservoir. They joined First Baptist Church of Jackson.

He has three children — A daughter and two sons and two grandchildren. Alice and Wayne have

moved to Jackson, where she works at the Baptist Medical Center and he is involved in management training with Wendy's of Jackson, Inc. Bob is in the Army stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, but plans to move to Jackson to start to college when he gets out of the Army in July. Alice plans to start to Hinds Junior College in the summer.

How does the new editor-elect think that Mississippi compares with Texas? He says, "I like the compactness of Mississippi, compared with the big size of everything in Texas. I like living in Jackson, especially being near the reservoir, as boating is one of our family hobbies. It began when we could not get a reservation at Glorieta one summer for a writers' conference. We bought a tent and stayed in it. We liked it so well that we began a series of camping trips in Texas, North Carolina, Arkansas, and to Yellowstone Park. Camping led to boating, and the children all learned to ski. I like to fish, too, and take pictures. I don't have much time now to relax, though."

In some of his spare time, he does additional writing, as for Sunday School Board publications. Also he did a section of the state WMU missions program to be used this September. He says he writes best in early morning: "I can't think much past midnight."

In 1975, with other editors and newsmen, he made a trip to the Holy Land.

He says, "I have enjoyed the twenty months I have been in Mississippi. I have particularly learned to appreciate the Baptist Building employees and the people over the state and look forward to a continued relationship in this opportunity."

"I have enjoyed the time of becoming acquainted with the Baptist Record staff and observing the way that their work is being done. I appreciate the staff and the things I have been able to learn as a member of it."

Baptist Building people have also come to appreciate Mr. McGregor in these months that he has worked with them. They have described him as "kind," "considerate," "cooperative," "helpful," "capable," "friendly," "witty," "lots of fun," a good speaker, "an excellent writer," "a hard worker."

Under the strain of heavy responsibilities or under the stress of disturbing problems, he remains calm and self-possessed. When asked how he manages to stay calm at all times, he answered, "In more than twenty years of newspaper work, I have learned that all the problems will be worked out in due time. I know the Lord is going to take care of things, so I just don't worry. I just leave it to Him."

From J. B. Gambrell through Joe T. Odle, the Baptist Record has been in good hands. As in February, 1977, it starts a second hundred years, under Donald T. McGregor it will still be in good hands.



Inaugural Bibles

Ever since George Washington took his inaugural oath on a borrowed Bible in 1789, Presidents have been resting their left hand on Scriptures as they were sworn in. Inaugural Bibles include the Truman Gutenberg facsimile at top. Left of it, opened, is Franklin D. Roosevelt's family Bible in Dutch; closed, on the right, is McKinley's. Hayes' Bible lies open to a picture of his First Lady, "Lemonade Lucy," who earned her nickname by refusing to serve liquor in the White House. Beside it is Kennedy's Douay, a Fitzgerald family Bible. The Washington Bible, huge and illustrated, is still owned by the New York Masonic lodge that lent it to him. Below it is Wilson's open book, while Lincoln's bears a seal. Closed at bottom are Eisenhower's and Cleveland's Bibles. (RNS Photo)

More Regulations Seen For Youth Camps In U.S.

MEMPHIS (BP) — Southern Baptists and others can expect more safety and health regulations for youth camps in the immediate future, state and national Baptist Brotherhood leaders were advised here.

Dr. Frank Lisella of Atlanta, an environmental health service specialist for the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, made the prediction in an address at an annual four-day Brotherhood Leadership Conference.

The conference is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention, for work with men and boys, in cooperation with Brotherhood departments of state Baptist conventions.

Calling for reasonable guidelines for health and safety at youth camps, Dr. Lisella contended some states don't even know how many camps they have within their boundaries, much less accurate information about the condition of the camps' water supply and food.

In other action, the state Brotherhood leaders and members of the Brotherhood Commission staff approved recommendations for a large promotion plan for Southern Baptists' Royal Ambassador boys program.

In presenting the recommenda-

tions, state Brotherhood leaders cited recent efforts by Boy Scout leaders in the Southeastern United States to lead key Southern Baptist pastors to start units in their churches and encourage other churches to do the same.

Supporters of federal legislation have already pushed a bill through the U. S. House of Representatives requiring safety and health regulations for camps and are supporting two similar bills in the U. S. Senate.

Among the proponents of the federal legislation are the American Camping Association, YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts of America and the national Girl Scout organization, Dr. Lisella said.

The HEW official expressed the hope states would enact their own safety and health regulations for camps before the federal governmental does. However, only nine have so far.

In an address opening the leadership conference, Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission, called for national meetings of Royal Ambassadors in 1979 and 1983 and a national men's conference.

McCullough also proposed enrollment goals for 1976-77 "that will take us beyond the half million mark." He asked each state leader to accept as a minimum an enrollment increase of 10 percent.

Tax Aid For Transcendental Meditation Tops \$300,000

SILVER SPRING, Maryland (C-SNS) — More than \$300,000 in federal, state, and local public funds has been used in the last four years to teach or promote Transcendental Meditation (TM), according to figures released today by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Americans United and other plaintiffs brought suit in a federal court in New Jersey on February 25 to halt the teaching and promotion of TM in five New Jersey high schools at federal expense. The suit charges that TM contains substantial elements of Hindu religion and therefore may not constitutionally be taught in public institutions at public expense.

According to Americans United

staff members Edd Doerr and Albert Menendez, the Hindu religious elements in TM include guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's theoretical explanation of the basis and purposes of TM, the religious ceremony used to initiate new meditators into the practice of TM, the practice of TM as taught by Maharishi, which is analogous in various ways to a Christian sacrament, and the goals of TM, which include "god consciousness" and "unity" with "Being," the Hindu concept of Oversoul.

The publicly funded TM programs are found in schools, colleges, drug and alcohol abuse programs, and nursing homes.

Among the publicly funded programs are the following:

Federal funds: \$200,000 to the

National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse to study the effects of TM on alcoholics; \$40,712 to the state of New Jersey, used for TM instruction in five high schools; \$10,000 to the Juneau, Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services for high school student drug prevention programs; \$5,000 to the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, Michigan, for a drug program; \$21,540 to the Transcendental Meditation World Plan Executive Council to train teachers for high school TM programs.

In addition, Transcendental Meditation is being taught in 54 public and private colleges and 61 community colleges and adult education centers.

Clarke College Chorus Presents Patriotic Music

The Clarke College Combined Chorus under the direction of Mr. Clark Adams will present a program of patriotic music in salute to our nation's bicentennial celebration over WTOK-TV, Meridian, Saturday, May 22, and Saturday, July 3. The May 22 showing is scheduled for 10:00-10:30 p.m. on Channel 11; the July 3 showing for 5:00-5:30 P.M.

Between selections from John W. Peterson's "I Love America," David Hedden sophomore student rates with appropriate historical information. Representing the college is Mr. Dow Ford of the English faculty at Clarke. Mr. Ford guides a video tour of the Newton campus and gives a brief look at the Baptist college's purpose.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

WMU Annual Meeting

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12:00 Noon, Scope Plaza
Public Observance of Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Humiliation Hymn

Pledge of Allegiance to National Flag
"The Star Spangled Banner"—Mrs. Camilla Woodward
Flag Day Observance led by Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Monday Afternoon, June 14
2:00 p.m.
Hymn: "We Lift Our Hearts in Songs of Praise"
Prayer

Recollections on the Theme—Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, N. Y., former president, Woman's Missionary Union (1963-69)
Dialogue: "The Christian Life in the Political Family"—U.S. Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ala.) and Mrs. Buchanan

Music by Choir of Riverside Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., directed by Mrs. John Buchanan

Business
Report of the WMU Executive Director—Carolyn Weatherford
Music by Hatcher Memorial Chorale, directed by Rudy Faas, music director, Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Address: "Let the Nation Stand Up"—Edward E. Plowman, news editor, Christianity Today, Washington, D. C.
Response: "Let Christians Stand Up in Action" led by Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., WMU president

Monday Evening, June 14
7:00 p.m.
Hymn: "To Worship, Work, and Witness"
Prayer

Recollections on the Theme—Alma Hunt, Richmond, Va., former executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union (1948-74) and now special consultant on women's work, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Dialogue: "The Christian Life in a Professional Family"—Dr. Don



Spiritual Retreat

Dr. Earl Kelly, second from left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, chats with the leaders of a spiritual retreat held at the Baptist Building. From right to left, they are Rev. Tom Elliff, Tulsa, Okla., pastor; and Ron and Pat Owen, evangelistic singers. At left is Chester Vaughn, program director for the Convention Board.



Jackson Choir Plans DC Bicentennial Participation

NASHVILLE — Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., will be the site June 12 of the Baptist Bicentennial Festival of Praise at 12:30 p.m.

A choir group from Ridgeway Baptist Church, Jackson, will participate.

The event, part of the Cathedral's special music program celebrating the nation's bicentennial, has been registered with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

More than 5,000 people are expected to attend the 3½-hour musical program sponsored by the Baptist Convention of Maryland, several other nearby state conventions, and the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Many will be en route to pre-convention

gational hymn-sing led by William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department, Sunday School Board. Featured in the congregational singing will be Reynolds' "Let Christ's Freedom Ring."

A change ringing from the Cathedral's bell tower, which houses the highest set of bells in the United States, will be the postlude for the festival. Change ringing is the producing of a peal by the precision ringing of tune bells by hand-pulled ropes.

The idea for the festival originated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland as a climax to its week-long Metropolitan Music Enlargement Campaign. The Festival of Praise also will climax a week-long series of musical events celebrating the completion of work of the Cathedral's nave.

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EDITORIAL

Two Texans

Two Texans have figured prominently in news stories in the Baptist Record in recent weeks. Significantly, they are persons whose lives were closely associated for a number of years.

One of the two men was Dr. E. S. James, long time editor of the Texas Baptist publication, The Baptist Standard. His death was reported in the Record just two weeks ago.

The other is Don McGregor, whose election last week as next editor of the Baptist Record, is told in stories featured on the front page of this week's issue. He succeeds the present editor whose retirement is to come at the end of August. Mr. McGregor will be the ninth man to serve as editor of the Record, which will reach its 100th anniversary next February.

Mr. McGregor was an editorial associate at the Baptist Standard when Dr. James became editor, having been brought to that position by editor David M. Gardner. However, shortly after Dr. James came, McGregor left the paper for a secular journalism position, but after a brief period Dr. James invited him to return to Standard as associate editor. He succeeded Walker Knight who had gone to the Home Mission Board.

Mr. McGregor worked with the Standard through the remainder of Dr. James' editorship, and for five years under the editorship of Dr. John J. Hurt Jr. Then he became editor of The California Southern Baptist, and after two years there came back to Texas as editor and publisher of some weekly newspapers. When the position of associate editor of the Baptist Record opened with the retirement of Joe Abrams, Mr. McGregor was invited to accept that position, and he did so and came to Mississippi.

Don McGregor comes to the editorship of the Baptist Record with as

thorough preparation and long experience as any man who has filled the position in the almost 100 year history of the publication.

He spent 16 years with the Baptist Standard, twelve of that as associate editor. Two more years were spent as editor of The California Southern Baptist. This, with the nearly two years of service with the Baptist Record, give him almost 20 years of experience in Southern Baptist journalism. In addition, his training in journalism in college and seminary, and his experience with secular newspapers and in public relations work, have provided him a background, that few men have had when they moved to the editorial chair. We feel that God has been preparing Don McGregor for this hour in the life of the Baptist Record and of Mississippi Baptists.

As is told elsewhere in this issue of the Record, Don is a native Texan, the son of a Baptist minister, and had his schooling at Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He is married and has three children and two grandchildren. He is ordained and has several years experience in working in an associate and interim relationship in several churches.

Already Don, as he is known to Baptist Building folk, and to many across the state, has made a large place for himself in Mississippi Baptist life, and we predict that the Baptist Record, under his leadership, will move to the greatest heights of achievement and service in its history. With other Baptists across the state, we join in saying to Don, "Welcome to this new position."

The other Texan, Dr. James, actually was a Texan by choice (God's choice), since he was born in Oklahoma, and spent his early years there, and in Kansas. However, he came to Texas about 1930 to attend Southwestern Seminary, and

remained there to pastor churches, and then to become editor of the Baptist Standard in 1954.

He was editor of the Standard for 12 years, and was, during those years, perhaps the most widely known and influential of all the SBC state paper editors. This was not only because of the tremendous circulation of the paper (368,000 at the time of his retirement), but also because of his able and courageous writing. He held strong convictions and did not hesitate to make them known. He is best remembered perhaps for his firm stand on church-state relationships, and for his opposition to Southern Baptist institutions receiving federal funds. He became nationally known for his call for John F. Kennedy, candidate for president of the United States, to renounce the religious-political stand of the Vatican, something which Kennedy did. He also is remembered by many for his editorial responses and comments in the Letters to the Editor column of the Standard. He had a ready wit and a talented pen, and those both were evidenced regularly in these columns.

Your editor counted Dr. James as a close friend during the early years of editing the Record, and found encouragement and help in his warmth of fellowship and ready suggestions. Association with Don McGregor during the years, and especially the past 20 months, has bound our heart to him. He has been a tower of strength in the responsibilities of publishing the paper.

As we think of these two Texans now, we realize anew that God prepares His man, for each hour that arises in His kingdom work. Each person whom God chooses, serves his day, and then God has ready another man to take his place. We need have no fears of the future, when we know that God is in command.

150 Years Of Outstanding Service

One hundred and fifty years of outstanding service to God and humanity, to Baptists, and to Mississippi! This is the record of Mississippi College as it moves through its sesqui-centennial year.

Last Sunday afternoon more than 500 graduates received degrees in the school's May commencement ceremonies. It was the largest class in the institution's century and a half of service.

Coming into being as a private institution in 1826, the school later passed to Presbyterian control, then was returned to private ownership, and finally, in 1851, became a Baptist institution. Thus for a century and a quarter the college has carried the banner of Christian education for the Baptists of the Magnolia state. Much later it was joined, one by one, by three other Baptist educational institutions, but it still is by far the largest of the four, and the largest private educational institution in the state.

For many years the institution was not co-educational, although it has the distinction of having conferred the first degree to a woman, given in the United States. This was early in the 1830's. However, most of its years before the 1940's it was a men's school, becoming co-educational about 30 years ago. Its graduates now total over 15,000,

with other thousands numbered among those who have studied at the school.

During its century and a half of service the institution has seen its graduates become leaders in all areas of state and national life. This has been in the fields of education, business, the sciences, the humanities, the arts, in government and other areas. Her greatest contribution, however, in the eyes of Baptist leaders, would be in the field of Christianity, for she has sent forth a continuous stream of pastors and other leaders for the churches, and has so centered the Christian faith in her other educational activities, that she has sent back to the churches doctors, lawyers, teachers business men and others who have become faithful, active members, giving strength to churches all across the state and nation. Moreover, Mississippi college graduates have served and are serving in mission fields around the earth.

The history of Mississippi Baptists would be most incomplete if the contributions of this institution were omitted. Almost every advance that Baptists have made in their churches, in their convention, and in their agencies and institutions, has been directly or indirectly related to Mississippi College.

The institution has been through

the years, even as it is today, a Christian college, where the finest type of education is provided in a truly Christian atmosphere. The administration and faculty are openly and unashamedly Christian and the student who attends the school cannot but feel the Christian influence.

Recent years have seen great advance at Mississippi College as both its facilities and its enrollment have rapidly grown, but this 150th year surely has been the finest year of all. Many achievements have come to the institution in recent months. Among them were ground breaking for two new buildings (the coliseum and the school of nursing); the dedication of the greatly expanded library and teaching center; the opening of the law school; the accreditation of the School of Nursing; the granting of 150 humanitarian awards; and numerous other achievements in scholastics, athletics and other areas.

Today, as it completes 150 years of service, Mississippi College must stand at the peak of the accomplishments of its splendid years, yet one cannot but feel that the greatest days are just ahead.

We salute the institution for all that it has been and has done in the past, and for the new vistas which are opening for it today as it enters the fourth half-century of its life.

get printing and many other appealing crafts.

EASY-TO-MAKE CRAFTS FOR PRE-TEENS AND YOUTH compiled by Delores Rowen (Gospel Light, paper, \$2.50 48 pp.)

An illustrated collection of creative craft ideas for church and club, VBS, day camps, and home. Includes popular items such as mobiles and banners.

CHRISTIAN LIFE OUTLINES by Croft M. Pents (Baker, 59 pp., paper, \$1.00) This is a Dollar Sermon Library series book.

HEART-STIRRING SERMON OUTLINES by Billy Apostolon (Baker, paper, 61 pp., \$1.00) This is one of the Dollar Sermon Library series.

OBJECT LESSONS FROM SPORTS & GAMES by William C. Hendricks & Merle Don Bleyker (Baker, paper, 106 pp., \$1.95)

PRAYING WITH POWER by Rex Humbard (New Hope Press, P. O. Box 6287, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, paper, pocket book, 78 pp., \$1.25)

FORGIVENESS... EPH. 1:5-7

PEACE... JN. 14:27

COMFORT... JN. 14:18

PURPOSE... II TIM. 1:9

REST... MATT. 11:28

JOY... JN. 15:10,11

STRENGTH... PHIL. 4:13

ETERNAL LIFE... JN. 6:47



COME TO CHRIST FOR WHAT?

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE BAPTIST FORUM

REVOLUTION IN MEDICINE — "The next major advance in the health of the American people will result only from what the individual is willing to do for himself," recently stated by Dr. John H. Knowles, president of the famous research-oriented Rockefeller Foundation. "A perpetuation of the present system of high-cost, after-the-fact medicine will only result in higher costs and more frustration." The returns from scientific advances are diminishing. Health authorities believe that more doctors and hospitals, more and more expensive machines for diagnosis and treatment, and new drugs and vaccines will have no more effect on good health overall than self-imposed changes in the way people conduct their lives. Heart disease and cancer, for instance, usually follow decades of abuse of the body. . . . Dr. Knowles comments that many Americans regard "sloth, gluttony, alcoholic intemperance, reckless driving, sexual frenzy and smoking as constitutional rights and expect governmental-financed 'cures' for all the tragic consequences." (Between the Lines, April 15, 1976.)

PENNIES AND CRUMBS — "According to the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department, American consumers each year are swindled to the tune of \$10 billion by price-fixing, and unmeasurable additional billions by unfair competition practices. A good part of this enormous sum trickles down in small amount from the hands of millions of individual consumers into overflowing corporate coffers. For example, from 1964 - 1964, residents of the Seattle area paid \$35 million more for bread than they should have, yet the bread was overpriced on an average of only four cents a loaf. The individual consumer has no effective means to regain his money in such cases, for the small amounts involved would not cover the litigation expenses. And class action suits are not feasible, since all identifiable members of the group would have to be individually notified." America, April 3, 1976, page 277

ALCOHOL, PILLS, AND STRESS — "Boy do I need a drink" is a common statement from someone who has just emerged from a lot of pressure. Taking one may be the worst thing to do. A. T. Beck, writing in U. S. News and World Report, explains that using alcohol as a means of relaxation can set up a vicious cycle: 'You have stress, then tension, and then the alcohol to relieve the tension. . . . Then you get into a vicious cycle when the alcohol itself produces undesirable effects, and the person starts

Readers Did Not Like TV Show About Nagasaki

Dear Editor:

In your April 6 Baptist Record, you had an article about a preacher to Japan, on the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, August 6, and Nagasaki, August 11, 1945. He was also given prime time on TV.

What about getting some of us men that fought World War II prime time on TV so we can tell what they did to the wounded on Wake Island, and the death march on Bataan. Or do you want to tell what they did in China? Read the book about General Stilwell, Walk out of Burma, written by Frank Dorn, published by Thomas F. Crowell Company.

Dropping that bomb was just child's play as to what the Japs did in China.

If we had lost that war you would have not been preaching the Word of God now like you are, and don't remember how many soldiers died so the rest of the world could worship as they wanted to. Ask Dr. Seagrave, a missionary who came out with General Stilwell. He can tell you what happened in China and elsewhere. The Japs overran during World War Two. I thank God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he let us win.

How many preachers came to the aid of Lt. Calley, when he was up for trial? Tell me how many will help him? We sent our men to Vietnam, and tied their hands so they could not win.

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drinking more to undo the undesirable effects. Nor are pills a long-term answer. Dr. Theodore I. Rubin writes: "In many cases, men and women use tranquilizers as a substitute for the healthy struggle that leads to free choice and inner growth. . . . Anxiety is often a signal that something is going on within us which we haven't yet faced, but which is trying to surface." Avoiding stress with pills or alcohol won't solve a thing. Life is a forceful teacher. It has an uncanny way of presenting the same lesson again and again until we really learn it." "Christopher News Notes," No. 219, April, 1976.

If thoughts could be read, faces might be redder.

People who load their cars shouldn't drive loaded.

There is no future in any job. The future is in the man who holds the job.

Even though we can't have all we want, we ought to be thankful we don't get all we deserve.

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Iuka Prepares Time

Capsules For 2004, 2076

The Iuka Church is preparing contents for two time capsules which will be sealed on Sunday, July 4, 1976. One capsule is to be opened in 2004, which is the next time there will be five Sundays in February.

The other capsule will be opened during the tricentennial during the year 2076.

Each church family will be allowed to enclose one sheet telling of their family history or making whatever comment they would like to make to future generations.

Also included in the capsules will be a history of the church, picture of the congregation, list of the town businesses, a history of the town, coins and a brief history of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

The 2004 capsule will be of importance because the area is expected to under go significant changes in the next few years with the coming of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and the construction of a nuclear power plant.

Charles Dampier is pastor.

Where Do We Go From Here?

As We Change Centuries, What The Future May Hold

By Gaines S. Dobbins

Fourth in a Bicentennial Series
Soothsayers, sorcerers, witches, fortune tellers, spiritualists, astrologers, devil worshippers have through the centuries claimed power to foresee and describe future events. Our science-minded generation pays little attention to them. They are not to be confused with the biblical "forthtellers" through whom God spoke.



The Old Testament prophets' messages were neither altogether pessimistic nor optimistic; they were realistic: sin must be punished; yet beyond penalty would be forgiveness and restoration. God's justice is matched by his love — and neither will fail. Fortunately, the future is veiled, lest we become reckless if it be bright, desperate if it be dark. The brief look we've had of the dark and the bright days of our early history as Baptists is surely enough to convince that God's hand for good has been upon us, even though the clouds at times have been dark and threatening.

I've just been leafing through Adrian Berry's *The Next Ten*

Thousand Years. It is not science fiction and the author disclaims any supernatural prophetic insight. He undertakes to present the other side of dark predictions of Earth as a wasteland, all life having been destroyed by atomic fission. His assumption is that there will never be such total havoc. Such being the resilience and vitality of the human race, if only a handful survive, given time they will rebuild population and civilization, hopefully after a fairer pattern than before. He takes no account of the possible return of Christ to rebuild Earth in fairer form than at first — the fascinating picture the author of *The Revelation* envisions of the reconstituted planet as the "new heaven and earth."

In the meantime, we may well speculate what our world will be like just twenty-five years from now. A nuclear holocaust is an actual possibility. There are now stockpiles of atomic bombs on both sides of the oceans sufficient to destroy existing civilization. Of that there is no doubt. Another World War will certainly be the last. Even barring this disaster, petroleum will be well nigh exhausted, and unless new sources of energy are found we'll be on foot and on bicycles. If population doubles as predicted, we and

the rest of the world may be faced with famine. If the crime rate continues to race, life and property may be unsafe anywhere. Schools may be so overcrowded that our children will be short-changed in education.

But these possibilities do not have to become realities! There are already signs of an awakened citizenry, aware of the perils and willing to pay the price to avert them. From the President of the United States to the county constable, from the scientist in the

laboratory to the garbage collector, from the executive in the corporation office to the clerk in the corner grocery store, from the greatest to the smallest of us in all walks of life, there can be an awakening to responsibility and action that will forestall anticipated disasters. The motto of the Three Musketeers can be ours: "All for each and each for all."

How do our Baptist churches fit into the picture? Much every way: We are at the grass roots where the people are. We Southern Baptists

may well claim by the year 2001 not fewer than 25 million members in at least 5,000 churches. "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Of this our history assures us: changed persons are necessary to bring about changed conditions. Entrusted to us is "the power of God unto salvation." To whom is our saving witness intended? "To everyone who believes." What will be the result of this saving

witness? "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). The worst is transformed into the best!

By every consideration of God's grace in Christ, by reason of every victory won through sacrifice and suffering by our forefathers, we Baptists are called on to shape the future as they shaped the past! And we can do it through Christ who strengthens us!

Colson Tells Of Prison Ministry

NASHVILLE (BP) — Charles W. Colson, formerly President Nixon's special counsel and "hatchetman" has a new story to tell.

Colson has told the country about his conversion to Jesus Christ in the melee and confusion of Watergate. The story of his conversion originally broke not because Colson told it — of his conversion — but because a reporter wanted to know why he showed up at a White House prayer breakfast.

The ex-Marine Corps officer served seven months in prison for obstruction of justice in the Daniel Ellsberg break-in probe, and his Christian experience and firsthand discoveries of the reality of prison has led him to become involved in a ministry to inmates.

His new story is less of Charles Colson's experience and more of what is happening through a ministry that is "disciplining" inmates to teach others about Jesus Christ.

Colson is involved with Fellowship Foundation, a group of Christians, in Washington, D. C., who, among other projects, actually bring men and women out of prison in mid-sentence to give them in-depth Bible study and training. He says it works.

The inmates live at the Good News Mission in Arlington, Va. during their brief sojourn in the outside world. Classes are held in Fellowship House, about 10-minute drive from the White House.

"They came out of prison with still quite a bit of time to do — most of them," Colson told Baptist Book Store managers at their annual awards luncheon here recently. The Book Stores chain is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

He was in Nashville to promote his new book, "Born Again," which tells of his climb up the political ladder to become special counsel to President Nixon, then the plummet from power, Colson's conversion experience, prison and his continued Christian experience.

Colson said the program, to which he devotes time when he isn't speaking around the country, has produced some "really beau-

tiful results. We have trained 26 prisoners who have gone back in. A few of them have been released. The Lord decided he could use them better outside of prison."

In one person — a federal youth institution and one of the "better physical facilities" — Colson said the chaplain had literally "run dry spiritually," and "there was nothing in the way of a spiritual life." The center was populated by young people, with a heavy percentage of blacks, and there "was a lot of violence."

The Fellowship Foundation brought out two young men — one white, the other black — who spent the two weeks at Good News Mission and went back to the prison.

"There's now in that prison a Bible study fellowship on Monday nights of 35 inmates. . . groups that meet and pray together in each dormitory. The chaplain freely admits he has had a conversion experience. . . and the ward-



NASHVILLE (BP)—COLSON IS INVOLVED IN PRISON MINISTRY—Charles W. Colson, ex-special counsel to former President Nixon, was here recently speaking to Baptist Book Store managers during their annual meeting about the prison ministry which he has conducted since being released from prison himself following the Watergate scandal.

en recently wrote a letter and said, 'The center of life in this prison today is the chapel.'

There have been other stories, Colson added, "where it just hasn't worked that way, but in this one it has. . . and in many of the other prisons we've seen miracles performed and lives changed."

"The inmates are selected by brothers in the Fellowship," Colson said. "People ask me, 'How do you choose them?' And we say that we ask God to choose them, and he does. We pray about it. We have the men going in and out of the prisons. They visit, talk with the inmates and eat with them. We try to find two really committed believers inside that prison."

In the program, the inmates have "Bible study and fellowship," and they "really find out what the love of Jesus Christ is," Colson said.

The mission is run by Southern Baptist minister Bill Summer, assisted by Paul Kramer, a former inmate, and other Fellowship members. Inmates go up to Capitol Hill to meet some of the congressmen and senators who are "believers in Christ and part of the Fellowship work in Washington." They also meet with the head of the Bureau of Prisons, among other leaders, said Colson.

It has been a "tremendously enriching experience for those who meet with them as well as for the inmates. And then they go back into the prisons and work with their fellow inmates one-to-one in discipleship—not trying to convert the whole prison."

"Nothing like it had ever been done before," Colson said of the inmates program. The head of the Bureau of Prisons in Washington "had no reason to approve what Sen. Harold Hughes (a Fellowship member) and I asked him to do, and subjected himself to a lot of criticism in doing it." But the Fellowship members prayed and "God opened the doors."

"One of the beautiful things. . . is that those men and women who have come out of the prisons have

ministered to the people on the outside," Colson said.

One U.S. senator and his wife "made commitments" to Christ after spending an hour with some of the Fellowship's inmate trainees, Colson cited.

"He was a man we had worked on for a long time."

Boyce School Center To Open In Ohio

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A new Boyce Bible School Center will open in Columbus, Ohio, in August of 1976, according to Allen W. Graves, executive director of the Ministry Training Center of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The Boyce School is a part of the Ministry Training Center.

Establishment of the school was approved April 6 by the Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, which will supply facilities for the Center adjacent to the state convention headquarters in Columbus. Two classrooms, a library and guest rooms for faculty are being readied for the Center's opening.

Ray Roberts, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Baptist group indicates that the new Boyce Bible School met with an enthusiastic reception at the April 6 meeting.

The state convention will provide facilities and much of the operating costs of the Boyce School Center while Southern Seminary will provide faculty from its Louisville campus and from the Ohio and northern Kentucky area.

The Boyce Bible School provides non-degree theological training for those preparing for Christian ministry who lack a college degree.

The darkest ignorance is man's ignorance of God.

Set Free To Minister

By Odis Henderson

For several years cries of discontented pastors and unhappy churches have continued to be heard across the Southern Baptist Convention. The results have been short pastorates, divided churches, and men leaving their pulpits, often bitter and disillusioned. Many churches have been weakened and fragmented by divided loyalties. Attendance often declines, causing the church to struggle spiritually and financially.

In most situations these are fine Christian men and women, both in the pulpit and the pew. However, through faulty communication and the failure to recognize each other's humanity, severe problems develop. When such tragedies occur in the Christian community the Kingdom of God is embarrassed.

This writer does not purpose to assess faults, establish blame, or offer trite solutions. The problem is too complex for that. However, let him share with you a happy church - pastor relationship, that has come to his attention, and the obvious elements of such an alliance.

"This coming Sunday my family and I celebrate our third anniversary as pastor of the — Baptist Church.

My, how time does fly! Never once during these three years have I questioned or regretted my decision to come to —. I can truthfully say that these have been some of the most enjoyable years of my ministry. You have let me be myself and do the things I feel like I was called to do. You can't imagine how rewarding this is to a pastor. Very few pastors ever have this privilege. Thank you again for making me feel important, needed, and appreciated." — (Used by permission).

From where this writer sits it seems to be time for pastors and churches alike to turn to each other in mutual affirmation. Everyone needs to feel "important, needed and appreciated," whether they are in the pulpit or on the last pew in the church. Certainly there are many other situations across the convention similar to this one. The dynamics are present for an even greater number. As God's people allow these forces to be liberated within themselves the number will become even larger, for this is the New Testament personal life of the church.

Odis Henderson is director of missions, Bolivar County Baptist Association.

Tax Exemption And The Churches

By James E. Wood, Jr.

Throughout the world and from time immemorial, among the religions of both the Near East and the Far East, tax exemption of religion has been a time-honored precedent. Almost four thousand years ago, for example, Egypt exempted priests from tithes and taxes. Likewise, according to Ezra 7:24, priests and Levites, ministers of the house of God, were not to be taxed. Recognition of religion automatically meant tax exemption of religion. When Emperor Constantine espoused Christianity and made it the state religion of Rome, church property was made tax free.

Understandably, for the Founding Fathers of the United States the exemption of churches from taxes was hardly a matter to be seriously questioned, and certainly was not to be denied even when accompanied, as expressed by Thomas Jefferson, by the concept of the "wall of separation" between church and state. As a matter of fact, when churches were disestablished, tax exemption of the churches was universally applied. Nevertheless, there is significance in the fact that in the United States tax exemption for the churches has been, as Leo Pfeffer has noted, "a matter of grace, not of Constitutional right." The courts have never said that tax exemption and tax deductibility are Constitutional rights.

In recent years, however, the tradition of tax exemption of religion has become a source of open inquiry, discussion, and controversy on the part of both civil and religious leaders to a degree unprecedented in American history. While the question of tax exemption and the churches is by no means new to the American scene, it has largely become a live issue only during the past two decades.

Crisis Emerges

Today a crisis is emerging in the United States with regard to tax exemption and religion. The crucial issue is not, however, over any possible sweeping removal of tax exemption of religion as such. Rather the crisis is precipitated by two questions: Should tax exemption of religion be conditioned on the absence of in-

sults it means. It has been on this basis that the IRS has in effect been able to say that organized religion may not speak out on public issues and at the same time enjoy tax exemption. The principle, which is yet really to be tested in the courts by a religious denomination, is an abridgment on the free exercise of religion. This condition of tax exemption robs the church of the right to be the church. It places a tax on the free exercise of religion and, at the same time, denies the church freedom of speech. The church has both a right and a responsibility to speak out on public affairs by virtue of its mission and the guarantees of the First Amendment. The present IRS policy of applying the "substantiality" test, including a threat of an IRS audit, can only have a chilling and "inhibiting" effect on the churches in the area of public affairs, even though this activity may be viewed as integral part of their religious mission.

Up to the present time the Supreme Court has given little attention to defining the Constitutional concept of religion. Repeatedly the Court has acknowledged that it is probably Constitutionally impossible. There is no definition of "religion" in the Constitution, as Supreme Court Justice Morrison R. Waite noted in the Reynolds case in 1878, involving the Mormon practice of polygamy. Whatever one's pragmatic or preferred definition of religion, the United States has never accepted in principle or in practice that religious liberty is to be limited to or made synonymous with "freedom of religious worship," as is done in the Soviet Union.

The First Amendment prohibits government from determining orthodoxy or heresy in religion or from making any formal definition of religion. As Milton R. Konvitz has written, "Not only should the questions of religious truth or falsity and of sincerity or hypocrisy of religious professions be beyond the cognizance of government, but even the very meaning or definition of 'religion' as the term is used in the First Amendment, should be outside the area of government inquiry." The state may not define religion because of the First Amendment. Charles Evans Hughes said in 1925:

must Service to define what does and does not constitute a church must be viewed with grave alarm.

On February 11, 1976, the IRS published in the Federal Register a document containing proposed amendments to the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR Part 1) "in order to provide a definition of an integrated auxiliary of a church." In response to these proposed amendments, the Baptist Joint Committee in March unanimously declared its opposition.

The Baptist Joint Committee statement, which was submitted to the IRS March 26, 1976, maintains that "the churches have no agreed and cannot agree with the proposition that the state is competent to develop a definition of a church into which each member of the diverse religious community must fit." In fact there is no single definition of religion that the IRS could formulate which could ever be applicable to all of America's religious traditions, quite aside from the fact that such a formulation of religion would be in violation of the prohibitions of the First Amendment.

The attempt of the IRS to define "an integrated auxiliary" is objectionable for the simple reason that the cumulative effect of such a definition would be for government to arrogate unto itself the right to determine what does and does not constitute a church. Thereby, government would have the power to define the nature of the church and its mission. The use of the "primary purpose test" in these proposed amendments would be for the state to be in the position of determining the primary purpose of a religious organization. No government is competent to make such a determination since it involves a determination of the nature of the church and its mission. The exercise of such judgment is beyond the legitimate jurisdiction of government. It is not the business of government to rule on whether or not church agencies and auxiliaries are integral to the life and mission of the church.

It is not a proper role for government to make a value judg-

"Miss Prudie"

Ninety, And Still Traveling

By Anne McWilliams

Miss Prudie went to Mayton on May 16 for Homecoming Day at Union Church. Her only brother, Arlis Franklin of Jackson, went with her to the Rankin County community where they spent most of their early childhood days.

Miss Prudie (actually, she is Mrs. L. E. Robinson, but everybody calls her Miss Prudie) went to Oxford on May 15 to visit her only niece, Mrs. Parham H. Williams, Jr., director of religious activities at Ole Miss. With her on this trip was her daughter, Miss Edwina Robinson, long-time executive secretary of Mississippi WMU, now retired. Miss Prudie and Miss Ed live at 648 Lexington Street in Jackson.

Miss Prudie went to Blue Mountain College on April 3 for the alumnae meeting. She and Mrs. May Gardner Black of Tupelo got together that day for the 72nd reunion of their class of 1904. Probably they are the oldest living alumnae of Blue Mountain — and Mrs. Robinson says that Mrs. Black is a little older than she is.

On February 8 of this year, Miss Prudie was ninety years old, and if she has any say-so in the matter, her travelling days have just begun! At 82 she made her first trip to the Holy Land. When she retired at age 85 from her post as dietitian at Camp Garaywa, she flew to Hawaii to stay a month, and went sightseeing practically every day of that month.

Since Miss Ed's retirement in 1971, Miss Prudie has gone with her six times (riding in a car, not a plane) to New York, where Miss Ed has been assisting New York Baptists with their WMU work. They have taken extended trips to the Northwest and Canada and the New England states. Once in Toronto they attended a Chinese wedding.

"I have a little problem now with walking, but not with riding," she says. Since she suffered burns on her legs and feet five years ago, her feet are tender and she cannot walk as fast or as well as she once did. "Before that, I could outwalk anybody!"

Through the year she has been to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, perhaps 18 or 20 times. "Riding has never made me sick," she says. "One night, though, we left Ridgecrest about two a.m., and coming around the curves in those mountains, I began to feel a little nauseated. I didn't admit it to anybody!"

Besides travel, she has two other major interests — reading and piecing quilts. Since her vision is excellent, she spends a lot of time doing both. Just within the last five years she has been piecing quilts, and is now on her tenth one. She watches television, and is tremendously interested in sports. She likes football, but pre-

fers baseball.

In celebration of her ninetieth birthday in February, she was honored with an open house at her home. At least 300 guests registered. Ninety red roses, a gift from one of her sons, decorated the house. The following Saturday, most of her immediate family met to give her another birthday party, this one a surprise. At the second party she was given a money tree with one hundred dollar bills, ninety for her age and ten "to go on" until she's 100.

Miss Prudie was born February 9, 1886, in Smith county, the daughter of the late Rev. J. M. Franklin and the late Jane Franklin. Her father was a Baptist preacher.

Her family moved to Rankin County when she was three years old and to Magee when she was 13. In 1896 Prudie Lee Franklin enrolled at Blue Mountain at the age of 12, to begin preparatory work for college.

Her husband, who died in 1934, was a medical doctor. She first met him in Mayton when he came to visit his brother, also a doctor. After their marriage, the Robinsons lived in Magee until his death in 1934. Miss Prudie moved to Jackson in 1944. Her children besides Miss Edwina are Lowrey Robinson of Jackson and Gayle Robinson of Dallas, Texas. Grandchildren are Anne Robinson of Dallas and Dixie Robinson of San Antonio.

In Magee, Miss Prudie was president of the WMU for 15 years. She was superintendent of the junior department in Sunday school and active in community affairs, serving on the school board for the city school, and was superintendent of the Simpson County associational WMU for a number of years.

In Jackson, she is a member of Calvary Baptist Church, and attends Sunday school and WMU there regularly, rarely missing a meeting.

She was a dietitian at Garaywa from its opening in 1947 until her retirement in 1971. The new dining hall — kitchen building was named the Prudie Robinson Building in her honor, and her portrait hangs in the foyer.

How is it possible for Miss Prudie to be so peppy at ninety? Her daughter, Miss Edwina, said, "continuing to work with the young people at Camp Garaywa until she was 85, I think was good for her. She still feels like she is one of the young people!"

"That's right. No senior citizens' clubs for me," laughed Miss Prudie. "My sister-in-law, before she died, said to me, 'Prudie, if you live to be one hundred, you will still be young!'"

At Garaywa in the past she especially liked R. A. camps, for she enjoyed the young boys and their escapades. Many of the col-

lege students who worked at Garaywa as staffers she learned to love as if they were her own. Three couples who had worked at camp as college students sent her an orchid for her ninetieth birthday party.

Through the years, in her travels, and in sharing Miss Ed's friendship with missionaries and WMU leaders across the nation and around the world, Miss Prudie's list of friends has grown longer and longer. Once when she was at Ridgecrest, she was sitting outside enjoying the scenery. As a stream of people passed by, dozens stopped to speak: a missionary to Hong Kong, a WMU executive from Birmingham, a college student from Mississippi, a preacher from New York. Then a woman she didn't know approached and asked a question: "Are you a missionary?" Miss Prudie told her no.

The woman answered, "I've watched all those stopping to chat with you, and I thought that only a missionary could possibly know so many people!"

Though never appointed by any board, and though she doesn't apply the term to herself, Miss Prudie is a missionary, and has been for a long time.



Mrs. L. E. Robinson was honored with an open house on her ninetieth birthday.

CALI, Colombia — "Encuentro con Jesus" (Encounter with Jesus), a television program produced by John G. Magyar, Southern Baptist missionary, was broadcast on national television here recently. Magyar also produces radio programs slanted toward youth, according to Joan (Mrs. J. Thomas) Norman, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.



This week I write in defense of having children. Why? Lately I've been reading that a very large number of couples are choosing the childless home.

I'm sure that my life would seem equally rich to me without our three boys, for the simple reason that I would not know what I was missing.

Possibly one reason I can feel the way I do about children is that we had our children by choice and desire — we wanted them with all our hearts and have loved them with our very souls. They weren't intruders at birth and haven't been since.

In no way am I able to imagine life without the broad spectrum of polarized experiences which rearing a family keeps in motion. There come, to every mother and daddy, times of pride in a child's achievement that cannot be matched by pride in one's personal achievement. Yet, before that pride has been properly dealt with, arrives a time of despair in a child's failure, a thousandfold more hurting than one's own failures because of the child's despair in his failure. Most of the time, though, life has only a few dips and bumps instead of mountains and valleys.

Often the presence of the children supplies some mysterious, missing element in the atmosphere; again, their absence sets the principle of vacuum-producing dynamics into motion. Most of the time, though, neither their presence nor absence is a factor in contentment or purpose.

On occasions, I could have played a three-note tune by knocking all three boys in the head (on some of those occasions, no jury in the country would have convicted me!); on others, I've wondered if they might sprout wings, after all. Most of the time, though, I've seen them as human beings who, alas, prove most arguments that heredity is at least one fact of life — I've seen them as a mixture of four families I know quite well.

At times children are so grown-up and so in control of life; suddenly, life is a slippery eel to them. Most of the time, though, children are participating in the growing process, sometimes slowly, sometimes quickly.

The memories of our children when they were small are sweet — that satisfaction of meeting their physical needs, feeding them food, keeping them clean, kissing skinned elbows, hugging them, rocking them, all of that. I used to think those would be the memories I'd rely on when I get old, but I don't think they will, after all. There'll be something very special in remembering about the occasional bone-crunching hugs I get from the young adult men I call my boys — and about their voices calling from distant phones — and about their letting us help when they need it — and on and on and on, I'll store memories from as much of their entire lifespans as I'm permitted to live for.

So, without apology, and while not trying to persuade, I feel compelled to lift my voice in favor of the child-strewn home and heart.

Christian Writers' Conference To Be In North Carolina

Western North Carolina's first annual Christian Writers' Conference will be held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C., August 1-4.

The master of ceremonies will be Dr. Sherwood Wirt, recently retired editor of Decision Magazine. The purpose of the conference, according to its president and director, Yvonne Lehman, author of two books and numerous articles, is to train, motivate, encour-

Architects' Meeting Planned At Glorieta

GLORIETA, N. M. — A seminar designed for architects currently working with Southern Baptist churches constructing new church structures will be held May 31 - June 3 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

Termed the Architects' Workshop, the conference is sponsored by the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Theme of the four-day meeting is "Perspective '76: Challenging Horizons."

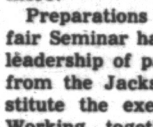
Architects interested in attending the Glorieta workshop should contact the Church Architecture Department, Sunday School Board SBC, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

The most pleasant fact about the Ten Commandments is that there are only ten of them.

Family Affair Seminar To Be At First Church, Jackson

Several months of extensive planning and preparation will be brought to a climax Friday and Saturday, May 21-22, when the Family Affair Seminar will be held at First Church, Jackson.

This family strengthening weekend features J. Allan Petersen and Bruce Narramore.

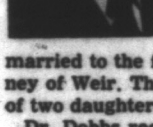


Preparations for the Family Affair Seminar have been under the leadership of pastors and laymen from the Jackson area who constitute the executive committee. Working together with Family Concern, Inc., this group is overseeing the Family Affair Seminar under the direction of general chairman David Roddy, minister of education, First Church, Jackson. Five committees worked under the executive committee to prepare for the seminar.

Interest in a Family Affair Seminar in Jackson began when pastors and lay leadership requested the assistance of Family Concern,

1st, Philadelphia Calls Dobbs

Dr. Eugene H. Dobbs has accepted the call of First Church, Philadelphia, to become pastor and will begin his ministry there on May 26. He has resigned as pastor of McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl where he has served since 1968.



Born in Chocoma County, he is married to the former Betty Gladney of Weir. They are the parents of two daughters, Janice and Rita.

Dr. Dobbs received his bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and has earned both the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from New Orleans Seminary. His previous pastorates include Poplar Flat, Louisville, and Calvary, Yazoo City.

Active in denominational work, he is currently serving on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is Chairman of the Board's New Church Expansion Committee. He participated in the Montana Evangelistic Crusade and Washington-Oregon Evangelistic Crusade, sponsored by the Home Mission Board. In 1971 he made a preaching tour of mission points in parts of Central and South America.

Dr. Dobbs is listed in Who's Who in Religion.

Poverty is no disgrace, but ignorance is.

Scientists claim nothing in the world can be destroyed. How about old-fashioned virtues?

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Inc. to hold such a family enriching experience. Family Concern, Inc., which serves as a catalyst and resource center for assisting churches with family ministry, is supplying the speakers, J. Allan Petersen and Bruce Narramore.

The goal of the Family Affair as outlined by the executive committee is to mobilize the Christian community in this area to assemble together as many people as possible to have their marriages and families strengthened by the practical advice and insights available from J. Allan Petersen and Bruce Narramore at the Family Affair Seminar.

Much preparation has gone into the Family Affair Seminar. A publicity committee and a media committee have been making information about the Family Affair Seminar available as widely as possible. Two couples in each participating church have been registering participants. Committees have been working to provide child care at the meetings, making arrangements at the meeting location, and make available books and other materials at the meetings. Another committee has been mobilizing the churches to pray for God's working at the Family Affair Seminar.

The Family Affair Seminar is sponsored by many of the churches in the Jackson area. All churches in the area are invited to participate. It is anticipated that many congregations in outlying communities will bring bus delegations and "car caravans" of people to the meetings.

The Family Affair Seminar leadership emphasized that the meetings are a non-denominational event and are open to all persons regardless of race, creed or religion. It is the intent of the executive committee that the entire community be invited to this significant opportunity for marriage and family improvement. Registration is \$10.00 per person, \$8.50 for those pre-registering. For information call 948-8785.

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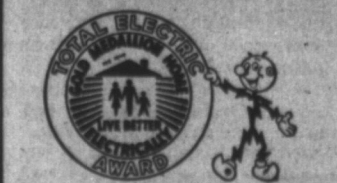
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The Healing Community

By Wm. J. Falls
Romans 14:13 to 15:6;
Galatians 6:1-10

With this lesson we conclude our six-Sunday unit on "A Christian Approach to Family Issues." All of us know the pressures from industry, mass media, technology, economics, and community demands that keep parents and children edgy and uncertain. We have examined Bible passages with timelessness and solid counsel for keeping the family on course. But there is no magic formula; because every family is different, each must make its own application of the eternal principles. Each must run its own risks, but the Christian family has a unique resource in the church. It is the family of God offering strength through worship and fellowship, guidance through Bible study, and redirection through forgiveness and understanding.

PERSONAL RIGHTS VS. LOVING CONCERN

The background passage from Romans was addressed to mature believers in dealing with those with conscientious scruples about forbidden food and the correct days to observe. Paul admits there is nothing wrong with eating meat; but if that practice by the mature believer disturbs the weaker brother, loving concern for him is far more important than insisting on personal rights. After all, eating and drinking are not the essence of God's reign but "uprightness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (14:17, Weymouth). So the mature believer accepts his responsibility for not offending his weaker brother; he does not flaunt his sense of freedom in Christ. Instead, Paul urges that "we must always aim at those things that bring peace, and that help strengthen one another" (14:19, TEV.)

APPLYING THE NEW LAW (Gal. 6:1-10)

Since the Galatians were Gentiles, they were not bothered by the complicated Jewish legal structure, but they did live under Roman law. In Galatians 5:14 Paul Paul said that all law could be fulfilled in: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In chapter 6 he continued to show how it can be applied. When a Christian is discovered in some trespass, his brothers in the church—those who show the fruit of the Spirit—should set him right, doing it gently and fully aware that those who try to restore could also be tempted.

Verses 2 and 5 appear contradictory because two different Greek words have been translated "burden" in the King James

Version. In verse 2 it could mean that kind of load that can be shared, and in verse 5, the kind that cannot be carried by anyone else. Or Paul may have meant to state different kinds of responsibility. First, a Christian ought to help others; at the same time, he will not shirk his own unique duty. The proud man might refuse to help his brother, but he is fooled by his conceit. Instead of comparing himself with another, a man ought to test his own work honestly.

Verse 6 makes a particular application of the sharing principle: "The pupil ought to share with the teacher." Paul was talking about the teacher in the church, and he probably meant that the teacher was entitled to support.

But "all good things" could also include prayer, friendship, esteem, and other intangibles. **PRACTICING ACTIVE GOODWILL (Gal. 6:7-10)**

These verses seem to pick up the thread of discussion in 5:16-23 contrasting two life patterns: flesh and spirit. Paul uses a well-known farming truth: "Make no mistake about this: God is not to be fooled; a man reaps what he sows" (NEB). Just as a grain of wheat will not produce an olive tree, a person who lives by fleshly patterns cannot expect to "reap life everlasting." Evidently, the Galatians were in real trouble if a sizable number were so confused about the nature of the Christian life. But churches of our own time

have this problem. It takes time and persistence, but eventually sowing to the Spirit will bring its fruit.

Because Christians know that the harvest of the Spirit—life-style is sure, they must get on with the practice of that life-style by doing "good unto all men." Not to win God's favor but to demonstrate his love. "All men" means that Christians must not have a double standard in practicing goodwill. But Paul added the last phrase in verse 10 perhaps for two reasons: first, the Christian has a special responsibility to his brothers in Christ; second, practicing active goodwill in the church would prepare him for dealing with those outside.

Disaster Precautions Taken By Baptists In Guadeloupe

BASSE TERRE, Guadeloupe (BP)—While many on this island are waiting to see what will happen if the volcano, La Soufriere, erupts, Baptists are actively planning ways to minister to people in case of a volcano-caused disaster.

Southern Baptist Missionary Judy (Mrs. Alvin L.) Gray reports the volcano, semi-active for 20 years on Basse Terre, Guadeloupe, became active again last November when tremors caused it to issue forth vapor and smoke.

In February of this year, a tremor (registering four points on the Richter Scale) caused La Soufriere to become dangerous and alarmed many people who live near the volcano. Many evacuated to the other side of the island. Described as perpetually in motion, but not violently in motion, the volcano has risen seven meters (almost 23 feet) since November. It's now in a limbo state, Mrs. Gray noted. Specialists say it could rest in this state for five months and if it has not erupted in six months, it will probably go back to the semi-active state for another 20 years.

Although the volcano has not yet erupted and may not, Baptists are planning ways to help if it does.

A list is being compiled of all Baptist church members who could open their homes to take in the homeless in time of disaster. Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Frederick's home would be used as the "Baptist Center for Emergency Help."

Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work

One Way For All Men

Galatians 2
By Bill Duncan

How many ways can a man be saved? If one would listen to the various radio preachers that we hear over our only "Christian" radio station in our area, he would think that there are at least two and maybe more. It appears that we need to have another Jerusalem conference and settle the matter.

Paul emphasized one way for all men to experience God's salvation. Galatians stresses "God's grace" as the only way for salvation, fellowship, and freedom. The theme of our lesson is Galatians 2:16: "Nevertheless, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, since by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." This is the truth of the Gospel.

The purpose of the lesson passage is to stress that in Paul's day, the truth of the gospel was in jeopardy. So Paul was writing this letter to make certain that we (the reader) understood that faith in Christ is the sole condition not only for salvation but also for sharing in Christian fellowship.

The Compromise Of The Jerusalem Conference

After 14 years of work in local churches and mission enterprises, Paul was led by God to go and visit Jerusalem. He was not summoned by the Jerusalem leaders. The purpose of the visit was to show to the church that his gospel was not something schismatic and sectarian, but was indeed the faith delivered to the church. Paul's companions on the visit were Barnabas and Titus. Barnabas was sent by the church to participate in the evangelization of the Gentiles and was trusted by all. Titus was a young convert who was a Gentile and a test case for Christianity.

There were those in Jerusalem who accepted Christianity, but who believed that God never gave any privileges to any man who was not a Jew. These persons were called Judaizers because they believed that a Christian must be circumcised and take the whole law upon himself. These

Judaizers seized on Titus as a test case. The leaders of the church urged Paul for peace sake to compromise and to give in and have Titus, a Gentile, circumcised. To yield would have been to accept the slavery of the law and to turn his back on the Christian freedom which is in Christ. Paul stood his ground; and Titus was accepted as a convert in fellowship. From the beginning, the real leaders of the church accepted Paul's position; but, there were others who were out to tame this spirit. The real leaders recognized that the same God who worked through Peter for the mission to the circumcised worked through Paul for the Gentiles.

There is and would never be two gospels. The conference recognized the grace of God. The main thrust of Peter and Paul's labors would be different. The only request made of Paul and his co-laborers was that they should remember the poor. Paul did not need persuasion at this point for he was eager to help the poor in Jerusalem to bring about good feelings from both groups.

The Crisis At Antioch

The trouble was by no means at an end. At Antioch the church celebrated a common meal. The old law forbade a Jew from doing business with a Gentile, going on a journey with a Gentile, accepting a period of hospitality with a Gentile, or giving of hospitality to a Gentile. If the custom was observed, the common meal would be impossible.

When Peter first came to Antioch, he forgot the old law and shared the common meal with the Jews and Gentiles alike. When the Jewish party came from Jerusalem, Peter withdrew from the common meal practice because of the Gentiles. This caused all the Jews to withdraw, even Barnabas. This caused Paul to speak out against Peter and the others.

There cannot be close distinct-

ions in the church. In the presence of God, a man is neither Jew nor Gentile, rich or poor. He is a sinner for whom Christ died. If a man shares in a common sonship, all those who share are his brothers. Peter was wrong. A famous name never justifies an infamous action.

The Jerusalem division was a compromise and like all compromises, it had seeds of trouble. The decision must have said that Jews were to continue observing circumcision and the law and the Gentiles were free from these observances. The inevitable result was to produce two grades of Christians and two distinct classes in the church.

What is a sinner? When the Jew used the word "sinner" of Gentile he was not thinking of moral qualities at all. To the Jew, if a person ate pork he was a sinner. Paul said, "We have agreed that no amount of observance of the law can make a man right

with God. A man cannot earn, he must accept, the generous offer of the love of God. It is utter trust in the love of God in Jesus that puts a man right with God. Therefore, the whole business of the law is irrelevant anyhow.

To be saved is by the grace of God. The only way a man can come to God is by surrender to His way.

Paul had tried the way of the law. He had tried with all his energy to obey the law, to put himself right with God. For him to go back to the law would simply have entangled himself all over in the deadly miasma in the sense of estrangement from God.

Paul was sure that Jesus Christ's death had done something

for him that he could not have done for himself. He was justified by faith in Jesus Christ. By faith he had become "set right with God," justified by commitment of one's self to God's gracious gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

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Dear Dr. Noonkester,

We of Laurel First Baptist Church are very much interested in helping our Youth and Adults become more aware of our Baptist institutions of higher learning. In order to accomplish this we are attempting to schedule a series of six dual programs on Sunday evenings in April and May. We would like for each school to have opportunity to confront our Youth and Adults with the unique opportunities you are indeed offering. Our proposed schedule includes a forty-five minute period with the Youth from 5:15 to 6:00 and a forty-five minute period with the Adults from 6:00 to 6:45.

As I have stated, we feel a real need to help our folk move more into the mainstream of Baptist life. We need your help in accomplishing this aim. Could you possibly send us someone alive and dynamic to cast the best light upon William Carey College? We believe in what you are doing!

Our tentative schedule is as follows depending upon response to these letters. It may be necessary to attempt to interchange some dates according to your calendar.

Baptist Higher Education Seminar

5:15-6:00 P.M. YOUTH SESSION
6:00-6:45 P.M. ADULT SESSION

April 18 - Blue Mountain College

April 25 - Clarke College

May 2 - Mississippi College

May 9 - William Carey College

May 16 - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

May 23 - Baptist Student Union

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Jones

Auditions Scheduled For Centurymen

Annual auditions for The Centurymen male chorus have been scheduled for June 22 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center and July 20 at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

"All voice categories are eligible for audition," said J. Malcolm Edwards, Centurymen manager. "We have immediate openings available for first tenors and basses."

The auditions at Ridgecrest will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. The July 20 auditions at the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission will be held from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Both dates fall on a Tuesday.

"The Centurymen" is a men's singing group gathered by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth to provide music for its syndicated radio programs.

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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Registration For BMC Summer School Set For May 31

Registration for the 1976 summer session at Blue Mountain College will be held on Monday May 31, and classes will begin the next day, according to an announcement made by BMC Dean William Washburn.

The first term of the summer session is set to run from May 31 thru July 2 with classes beginning June 1, 1976. The second term of the session begins July 6 and runs thru August 7 with registration for that session on July 2.

"We feel our course offerings this summer are the most comprehensive we have had in some time," Dean Washburn noted, "and we will have a full range of courses including work in English, French, math, social and natural science, Bible, education, music and psychology."

Dean Washburn also pointed out that a special short course in special education will be offered June 14 thru July 2 from 1-4 p.m. each afternoon and will carry 3 hours of credit.

Center Ridge Calls Pastor

Rev. Farris Smith has accepted the pastorate of the Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City. He leaves the Shady Grove Church in Hazlehurst where he served for three years. Other former pastorates include West Poplarville and Magee's Creek.

Smith is a native of Georgia, but received his college education at Mississippi College. He graduated with a Master of Theology, honors program, from New Orleans Seminary in 1971. At present he is enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at NOBTS.

He is married to the former Gaye Alford of Tylertown. They have three children: Mike, 6, Mandy, 3, and Macy, 10 months. Their new address is Rt. 3, Yazoo City Ms. 39194.

W. McComb To Celebrate Bicentennial

West McComb Church, formerly Sunny Hill Church, will have a Bicentennial Homecoming on May 30. There will be morning services, dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service.

The suggested dress is either old-fashioned or red, white, and blue. All former and charter members, former pastors, and friends are invited, according to Wayne E. Sterling, pastor.

New Hope Plans Homecoming Day

New Hope Church of Meadville will observe annual homecoming May 23 with Rev. Fred Morris of Wellman Church as guest speaker.

Dinner on the ground and an afternoon singing will follow the 11 a.m. worship service.

A business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., before the morning service. There will be no Sunday School. An offering will be taken during the day, for the cemetery fund.



Money will do more to you than it will do for you.

Instinct that works is better than intelligence that doesn't.

Don't judge a man by his family background. Cain belonged to a good family.

Religion is a cloak used by some people in this world, who will be warm enough without one in the next.

Shubuta Homecoming Shubuta Church (Clarke) will observe homecoming day May 30. Rev. W. Harold Anderson, a former pastor from Tupelo, will bring the homecoming message.

Dinner will be spread following the morning worship service. The offering that day will be used for retirement, of debt on the pastorate.

Following the dinner, a time of singing will be held, according to Rev. Avery M. Jones, pastor.

Concord Homecoming

Concord Church, Franklin County, will observe homecoming day on May 23. After the 11 a.m. worship service dinner will be served at the church.

Rev. Mel Craft, former pastor, will be the afternoon speaker. Song leader for the day's events will be Eldred Wallace. All afternoon donations will be used for the upkeep of the cemetery.

ACTION Works At Utica!

On ACTION Sunday at Utica Church (February 29), there were 119 present for Bible study. Since then the church has seen Sunday School enrollment climb from 220 to 300.

Average weekly attendance is now 168, or a 47% average weekly increase. High Sunday was 196. Budget offerings are running 42 per cent above average.

The church has called Joe Robinson as full-time minister of music and youth. This is the first time in the 147-year history of the church that they have had two full-time staff members.

Rev. Jack Albritton, pastor, says, "ACTION is better than any revival I have ever been a part of. Dr. Eugene Patterson, who held a revival meeting here in April, said this was the most excited he has seen a church in years. ACTION works!"



Plantersville Honors Musician On 90th Birthday

Mrs. Myrtle Biggers Stovall was honored with a surprise party by the Plantersville Church on Sunday, April 25, her 90th birthday.

Rev. David Hall led the congregation in singing "Happy Birthday." His sermon was entitled "Why Enoch Walked with God." A niece, Elizabeth Kelly Langa of Memphis sang Mrs. Stovall's favorite hymn, "Rock of Ages."

Mrs. Stovall's only living first cousin, Boyce Biggers, a Jackson engineer, gave the flowers which decorated the church. Mrs. Biggers was accompanied by his son Manley.

Dinner was served in the church dining hall after the morning service. Mrs. Karl Miller made a three-tiered birthday cake for dessert.

Mrs. Stovall has the unique record of continuous church service in playing the organ and piano for 70 years. She was married for 36 years to the late J. Aubrey Stovall, druggist of Shannon, who died in June, 1943. Mrs. Stovall continued to run the drug store for two years prior to moving to Plantersville to live with Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Kelly, her sister and brother-in-law.

Needed

More to improve, fewer merely to disapprove.

More doers, fewer talkers.

More to say "it can be done," fewer to explain why "it can't be done."

More to inspire others with confidence, fewer to throw cold water on anyone taking even one step in the right direction.

More to get into the thick of things and do something, fewer to sit on the sidelines merely finding fault.

Devotional

Do You Lack Wisdom?

By Rob Sugg, Pastor
Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine
James 1:5-6

Many people have expressed this thought from time to time: "I wish I knew as much about the Bible as he does." By this, we usually mean we wish we had an intellectual understanding of the Bible.



When the Jews spoke of knowledge or wisdom, they were speaking of a knowledge of Jehovah. This was a knowledge based on experience which effected their daily lives.

"I wish I knew as much about the Bible as he does." To know the Bible is not enough. To know about the Bible is not enough. In history we can see many who knew about God but did not know God. Tradition tells us that both Adolph Hitler and Nikita Khrushchev had memorized large portions of the Bible.

I knew as much about the Bible as he does." By this, we usually mean we wish we had an intellectual understanding of the Bible.

James said, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." We must understand the necessity of knowing God. Once we know him, the door is opened to a fuller understanding of his word.

Jesus promised his disciples in John 14:16 God would send another Comforter to take his place. We refer to this Comforter as the Holy Spirit. Jesus also said in John 14:26 one of the functions of the Holy Spirit would be to teach about Jesus. Then in I John 2, John speaks of the Anointing we as Christians have received and ends this thought in v. 27 by saying the Anointing we have received—that is, the Holy Spirit—will teach us.

"If any of you lack wisdom..." The testimony of God's word is that God himself will teach you if you so desire it. Notice James also says "... (God) who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not..." God gives freely with no condemnation to us for not having learned earlier in our Christian life.

Do you lack wisdom? "Ask of God."



Church Dedicated In Malaysia

Built entirely by Kadazan funds and labor, the Kulu Baru Baptist Church was dedicated recently. The Kadazans are a Malaysian tribe originally from the west coast of Borneo who moved to Sabah, Malaysia in 1968, where the new church is located. Pictured (left to right) are the Kadazan lay pastor, Talibay bin Gombak; Isaac Yim, Malaysian missionary; and Charles H. Morris, Southern Baptist missionary. Morris and Yim were also instrumental in the organization of the church. (FMB photo).

Names In The News



William Carey College Greek Scholar Richard Behers, right, of Hattiesburg, accepted the American Bible Society Award on Honors Day at the College. Making the presentation was Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the department of religion at Carey. Behers was selected for the honor because, as a senior, he has acquired greater skills in the use of Biblical languages than any other student. He is the son of Mrs. Florence Behers of Hattiesburg.

Cartersville Church, Petal, has called Rev. Boyd Tweedy minister of music and education. He came from Comité Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he has served for six years. While at Comité he served as minister of music and education for three years before assuming the position of minister of education and children's pastor. A graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University, he attended New Orleans Seminary. Two-

edy, his wife Madelyn and their son, Barry, will be at home after June 1 at 305 Maywood Drive in Petal.

Mrs. Betty Walker, patient activities director at Crossgates Manor near Brandon for the past year, is being transferred to the administrative staff of the nursing home as an administrative secretary and bookkeeper. The former Betty Lewis, she was previously employed at the Baptist Building.

J. Walter Jarrell has resigned as pastor of Robinson church in Liberty, to become pastor of North Newington church, Newington, Ga. He is a May graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

The Gulf Gardens Church has called Gerald Dimsdale as the new minister of music and youth. Dimsdale is now serving the High Point Church in Covington, Ga. He is married and has three children.

Rev. Lester "Pat" McNair for the past several years has served as pastor of the Gulfport Heights Church, Gulfport. He has tendered his resignation as of the 30th of May to enter the field of full time evangelism, and will be working out of the Cash Church at Lena.

Michael McMahan, assistant professor of Biology, Campbellsville College, Kentucky, has been elected secretary of the faculty organization on campus. Dr. McMahan is originally from Batesville, Miss.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: May 23-29

Leake

May 23
Carlton Jones, Wiggins

Lebanon

Wayne Kite, Beacon
John Klem, Boule Street
A. T. Walker, Brooklyn
Emmett Boone, Calvary

May 24

Leland Hogan, Cartersville
Wayne Berry, Dixie
T. K. Ford, Eastabuchie
Jimmy Bazemore, Fellowship

May 25

Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, First
W. A. Fordham, Petal, First
Cliff Estes, Glendale
Earl Williams, Grace Chapel
Ralph Kelly, Greens Creek

May 26

P. E. Downey, Harvey, First
Paul Martin, Immanuel
Richard Onarecker, Macedonia
John Barnes, Main Street, Hattiesburg

May 27

Joel D. Ray, McLaurin
Brooks Lindsey, Nineteenth Avenue
Harvey Thames, Mars Hill
David Howard, North 21st Ave.
Jerry Henderson, Petal Harvey
Larry Gafford, Providence

May 28

Bill Mitchell, Rawls Springs
Odell Tebo, Ridgecrest
Lloyd Thornton, Southside
Jim Nunnelee, South 28th Ave.
Robert Rogers, Sunrise

May 29

Kermit McGregor, Temple, Hattiesburg
Jimmy Yarbrough, Temple, Petal
James McLeone, Thirty-Eighth Avenue
Raymond Parkin, Crestview
Craig Ratliff, University

Some people are always indebted to their imagination for facts. The outcome of the income depends on the outgo for the upkeep. Ingratitude curdles the milk of human kindness. Jealousy is nothing but poison envy.



Garner Named Pastor Emeritus

Rev. J. M. Garner, left, of Hattiesburg was named pastor emeritus of University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg in ceremonies May 2, the 17th anniversary of the church. He left retirement to become the interim pastor of the church when it was first organized. He became the associate pastor when a full-time pastoral ministry was inaugurated and Dr. Harold Kitchings was called as pastor. Dr. Kitchings is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mrs. Garner is shown above with Rev. Garner. The couple moved from Texas to retire after serving several Texas pastorates. Dr. Craig Ratliff is pastor of University Baptist Church.

Revival Dates

Forence, First Church: May 23-28; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., dinner on the ground Sunday noon; Dr. Cal Guy, Southwestern Seminary, evangelist; Rev. Bob Hutcherson, pastor; Emphasis on Renewal and Restoration of Believers.

SUNSHINE CHURCH (Rankin) May 23-28; Rev. John Hubun, pastor, McDowell Road Church, Jackson, evangelist; Sunday, regular services; weekday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

Madison Church, Madison: May 23-28; Larry Walker, staff evangelist of First Church, Dallas, Texas, evangelist; Tom Larimore, music evangelist of Jackson, singer; services at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.; Rev. Billy McKay, pastor.

Steele (Scott)

Homecoming May 30

Steele Church (Scott) will observe homecoming day on Sunday, May 30. Rev. Barney Walker, Sr., a former pastor, will bring the 11 a.m. message. Dinner will be spread at the church.

In the afternoon program, beginning at 1:30, a brief church history will be read, and all former pastors present will be recognized. Special music will be furnished by The Melody Tones from Pascaboula. Also The Green Trio will sing.

Florence, First Church: May 23-Calvary, Durant — May 23-28; Rev. Tommy Anderson, evangelist; Sammy Higginbotham, music; Services at 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Pat McLellan, pastor.

Off The Record

A teenage boy will exert all the might and main of his ingenuity and powers of persuasion to arrive at the state where he is owner of an auto, and the test of his manhood is the size of the annual premium for insurance to cover his use and misuse of it. The bigger the premium the greater the fame among peers.

A woman grew more and more frustrated as the line of cars behind her became longer after her auto had stalled and she could not restart the engine. At last she got out of her car, walked back to the first driver, and said: "I'm very sorry. I just can't seem to get my car started. If you'll go up there and give it a try, I'll stay here and blow your horn."

Messmore Kendall, who served Teddy Roosevelt as secretary during his campaign for Governor of New York, told of one of T. R.'s habits: "My main job was to take letters in shorthand and type them for his signature. At first I was miserable, because no matter how carefully I wrote the letters, he always interlined or corrected the text in his own handwriting. Once when he did this, I re-wrote the letter clean and returned it to him for signing. 'Don't re-type,' he exclaimed. 'I always add something like that. It makes the letter more personal.'"

A cowboy rode into a small Western town and got roaring drunk at the saloon. The more he drank, the meaner he got, forcing people to drink with him at gunpoint.

In the midst of all the ballyhoo, a lone salesman strode into the saloon. He sauntered up to the belligerent cowhand, looked him right in the bloodshot eye, and declared, "You've got just five minutes to get out of town."

The unruly cowboy put up his gun, staggered through the door, jumped on his horse and galloped away.

"What would you have done if he hadn't left?" the bartender asked the salesman.

The salesman answered quietly, "I would have extended the time." — LEO AIKMAN.

Church To Present Patriotic Musical On May 22 At Natchez Civic Center

First Church, Natchez will present a patriotic music entitled "America the Beautiful", Saturday, May 22, 8:00 p.m., at the Natchez Civic Center.

Under the direction of Ken Miller, an eighty-voice choir, accompanied by thirty members of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra will perform a musical chronology of American history from the days of the Mayflower to the present. The program includes twenty-two favorite American songs and will be narrated by Brent McMahan.

The concert is free to the public, according to Rev. Odlean Puckett, pastor.